

## **Chapter 11**

### **Onam : A Colourful Festival**

#### **Fill in the Blanks**

1. Onam is the main festival of the state of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The festival marks the \_\_\_\_\_ harvest of the year.
3. Onam is celebrated in the month of \_\_\_\_\_ (Aug-Sept).
4. The entrance of homes is decorated with \_\_\_\_\_, a floral design.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ Trophy Boat Race is the most famous event during Onam.

#### **True or False (10 Questions)**

1. Onam is celebrated only by wealthy people in Kerala. (True/False)
2. The festival preparations begin a week before Onam. (True/False)

3. The Nehru Trophy Boat Race is held in Kochi.  
(True/False)
4. New clothes are an essential part of Onam celebrations.  
(True/False)
5. The festival occurs during the rainy season in Kerala.  
(True/False)

### Multiple Choice Questions (10 Questions)

1. Onam is primarily a:
  - a) Religious festival
  - b) Harvest festival
  - c) National holiday
  - d) Sports event
2. What is "Atthapoo"?
  - a) A boat race
  - b) A floral decoration at home entrances
  - c) A traditional dance
  - d) A type of curry
3. How long do Onam celebrations last?
  - a) 5 days
  - b) 7 days
  - c) 10 days
  - d) 15 days
4. What is special about the Onam feast?

- a) It is served on banana leaves
- b) It includes only sweet dishes
- c) It is eaten standing up
- d) It is prepared only by men

5. Where is the famous Nehru Trophy Boat Race held?

- a) Thiruvananthapuram
- b) Alleppey
- c) Kochi
- d) Kozhikode

6. What does "pauper" mean in the context?

- a) A rich person
- b) A poor person
- c) A farmer
- d) A boat racer

7. Which month does Chingam correspond to?

- a) June-July
- b) August-September
- c) October-November
- d) December-January

8. What is the mood of Onam celebrations?

- a) Somber and quiet

- b) Colorful and joyful
- c) Competitive and intense
- d) Religious and strict

9. What does "fortnight" mean?

- a) One week
- b) Two weeks
- c) One month
- d) Four days

10. Which of these is NOT part of Onam traditions?

- a) Wearing new clothes
- b) Decorating homes with flowers
- c) Exchanging gifts
- d) Eating feast served on leaves